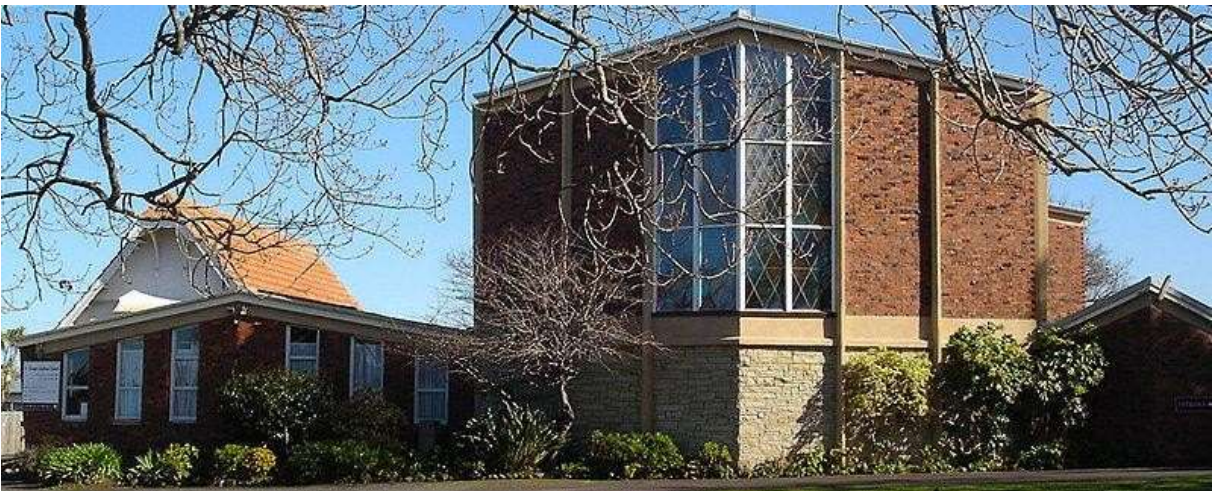


# THE CHURCH OF SAINT GEORGE THE MARTYR

*The Parish of Papatoetoe in the  
Anglican Diocese of Auckland*



*'A people of many nations  
called together to bear witness to the gospel'*

## PARISH PROFILE 2026

5 Landscape Road, Papatoetoe

[www.stgap.org.nz](http://www.stgap.org.nz)

## Welcome!

Firstly, we wish to thank all those who have taken the time to consider this profile for St George the Martyr Anglican Church in Papatoetoe.

Nestled behind a hundred-year-old oak tree at 5 Landscape Rd sits our church of St George the Martyr. People have been worshipping on our current site since 1922 but the history of our church community extends back to 1906 when a group of local Anglican families began worshipping in the Papatoetoe Central school building.

One of the great strengths of St George's is the multicultural makeup of our congregation, along with our warm and welcoming nature which helps new people feel at home. We value learning and growing together in faith and discipleship. We seek to be an outward-looking church and desire to build on our strong spiritual heritage and potential for the future.

We are also proud to be a part of the community of Papatoetoe. Papatoetoe is becoming one of Auckland Council's nodal development communities with its railway station and local shopping centre. This will bring to the area many more different cultures, which we as a multicultural Christian community want to be able to welcome and serve.

We are seeking a priest to be our next Vicar. This will be a half-time (0.5 stipend, together with pro rata housing allowance) appointment. This Parish Profile has been compiled to give you a brief summary of the life of our Parish, its people, and our wider community. Here we identify what are our values and priorities and the qualities we are seeking in a new Vicar. Details for making an application can be found on the final page.

We pray this profile will be of assistance in discerning your call to this ministry.



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## Our Vision

Our vision is to be a community of people made up of many nations who are called together to witness to the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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## Who we are

Our Parish is centred in Papatoetoe (though our some of our members come from beyond the physical boundaries of the parish). We are a multi-cultural congregation including Pakeha, Tongans, Samoans, Indians, Fijian Indians, Cook Islanders, Niueans, Nigerians, Zimbabweans and Koreans. Our Parish also includes a Tongan Anglican congregation who hold services (with their own priest) in their native language. In 2024 we had 70 people on the Parish Roll and conducted 4,525 acts of communion over the course of the year.

A proudly Anglican Church, St George's has a charismatic/evangelical emphasis. As a church, we are open to the renewing power of the Holy Spirit and we value good biblical preaching. We are a church that aims to encourage people to grow in their relationship with God.



## What Parishioners Value Most About Our Parish Community

At our recent Future Directions conference, when asked what people value most about our church, the following answers were given:

- That it is friendly and inviting, welcoming to newcomers
- There is real fellowship and togetherness
- The church includes people of different generations
- We have a great diversity of culture
- People are accepting and it is easy for new people to join
- We are proud of our connection to our Tongan congregation
- Our Parish is outward looking
- We enjoy learning together in different ministries
- There is a great history here
- Some people have deep roots to St George's as their spiritual home
- We see a lot of potential for our future!

## Values and Future Priorities

As a church we seek to grow in God's purpose for us as part of Christ's Body. Some of our key hopes include to encourage and strengthen our existing ministries with children and youth, while empowering our younger members to take on greater responsibility. As an Anglican church we want to deepen our connection with newcomers, make good use of our facilities and create opportunities for meaningful outreach and evangelism.

In February 2026 we participated in a Future Directions meeting to start discerning how God may be leading us. This provided an opportunity for us to explore future aims and opportunities. As part of this process, we identified the following priorities (based on the Diocese's Healthy Church model):

### Priorities

#### Knowing God

- ❖ To enjoy solid, effective preaching
- ❖ To develop more small groups to help us grow in study of the Bible and prayer

#### Shaping Community

- ❖ To get to know one another better through shared activities, better connection with our Tongan congregation, and following up newcomers
- ❖ To be more visible in the wider community

#### Growing in Christ

- ❖ Once again, to have more Bible studies/small groups (including support for and training of leaders)
- ❖ To have places for youth to belong

#### Living Beyond Ourselves

- ❖ To seek to know the needs of our neighbours and to respond to them
- ❖ To be intentional about outreach



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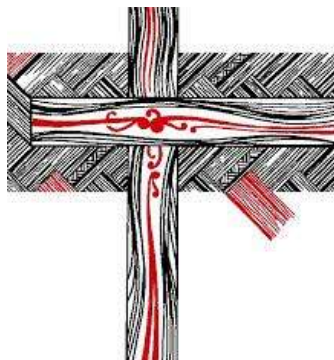
## Our next Vicar

At St George's we feel very blessed by the quality of vicars and the wonderful ministries we have enjoyed over the years. We acknowledge the particular call of a vicar to lead, equip and pastor God's people in this place.

We are seeking a genuine pastor who cares for people. It is our hope that our next vicar will be able to commit to a longer-term ministry and be willing to invest deeply in the life and future of our church. Our ideal vicar would be an effective communicator and facilitator, with good networking skills. It would also help if they were technologically capable!

In terms of key qualities, we are looking for someone who:

- Has a missional heart and calling;
- Is able to minister to an ethnically-diverse range of people of all ages;
- Can connect with the multi-cultural community in which we sit;
- Is a good preacher;
- Is committed to Biblically-based preaching and will embrace a creative and contemporary style of worship while maintaining the richness of Anglican liturgy;
- Has the will to support our Sunday School and youth group as we seek to renew them;
- Believes in the Creeds of the Anglican Church;
- Is committed to prayer and worship;
- Will encourage the congregation in areas of giving and service.



## Our Parish Life and Ministry

### Sunday Services

We have three main worship services each Sunday.



#### 8am service

This is a traditional Eucharist service, using mostly traditional hymns (with some modern music) and the liturgy on a data projector. Tea and coffee is served afterwards at the back of the church.

#### 10am service

Our 10am service has a more contemporary worship style and we try to include children in the service. Again using a data projector for our liturgy, there is a mix of contemporary and some traditional music. Holy Communion services include a time of intercession and prayer upon request when the service has concluded. During term time we have a Sunday School which runs during the service in the hall. We have a number of men and women from our congregation who are rostered on to take Sunday School each week. We recognise children's birthdays by presenting each with a small gift and these expenses are covered by three members of the congregation. There is an Easter Egg hunt each Easter and at the completion of the year children share in a meal and gift giving together (both our Mothers Union and the Parish provide funding for this).

#### Tongan Eucharist Service

Every Sunday at 1pm our Tongan congregation hold their Eucharist service, led by The Reverend Saluni Tonga, in their Tongan language.

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**Other parish activities include:**

Selwyn Centre (in partnership with the Selwyn Foundation)

This is a community outreach programme for older people offering a time of fellowship, friendship, gentle exercise, information, laughter, morning tea, lunch, personal support, social activities and programs. Meetings on Tuesdays, with a session for older Indian people (in the Hindi language) on Wednesdays.

<https://www.selwynfoundation.org.nz/community/social-engagement/selwyncentres/>

Monday Morning Home Group (fortnightly)

This is a small group of Women who meet in the Selwyn Centre lounge fortnightly on a Monday morning to do in depth Bible Study. We always begin our time together with coffee and a chat. This group was formed many years ago as a homegroup and as the demographics of the group have changed it now meets at the Church complex.

Men's Breakfast Group

This meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month at 9am.

Mothers' Union

Our Mother's Union meets on the third Thursday of every month, beginning with a Church service. Mothers Union began at St Georges in 1917 and in 2027 we will celebrate 110 years. We support ATWC, Friendship House, Pacific Leprosy Mission and our Church Sunday School and Youth Group.

Women's Fellowship

We also have a Women's Fellowship group which meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday evening of each month.

Food Bank

The Food Bank has been in operation for many, many years and food is donated by our Parishioners together with some Selwyn Centre guests. We have a co-ordinator who puts together the food parcels which can be collected on a Tuesday and Friday morning.

### Pastoral Care

Home communion is covered by clergy, we have an online prayer chain, and prayer is available after both Sunday morning services in the side-chapel.

### Youth Group

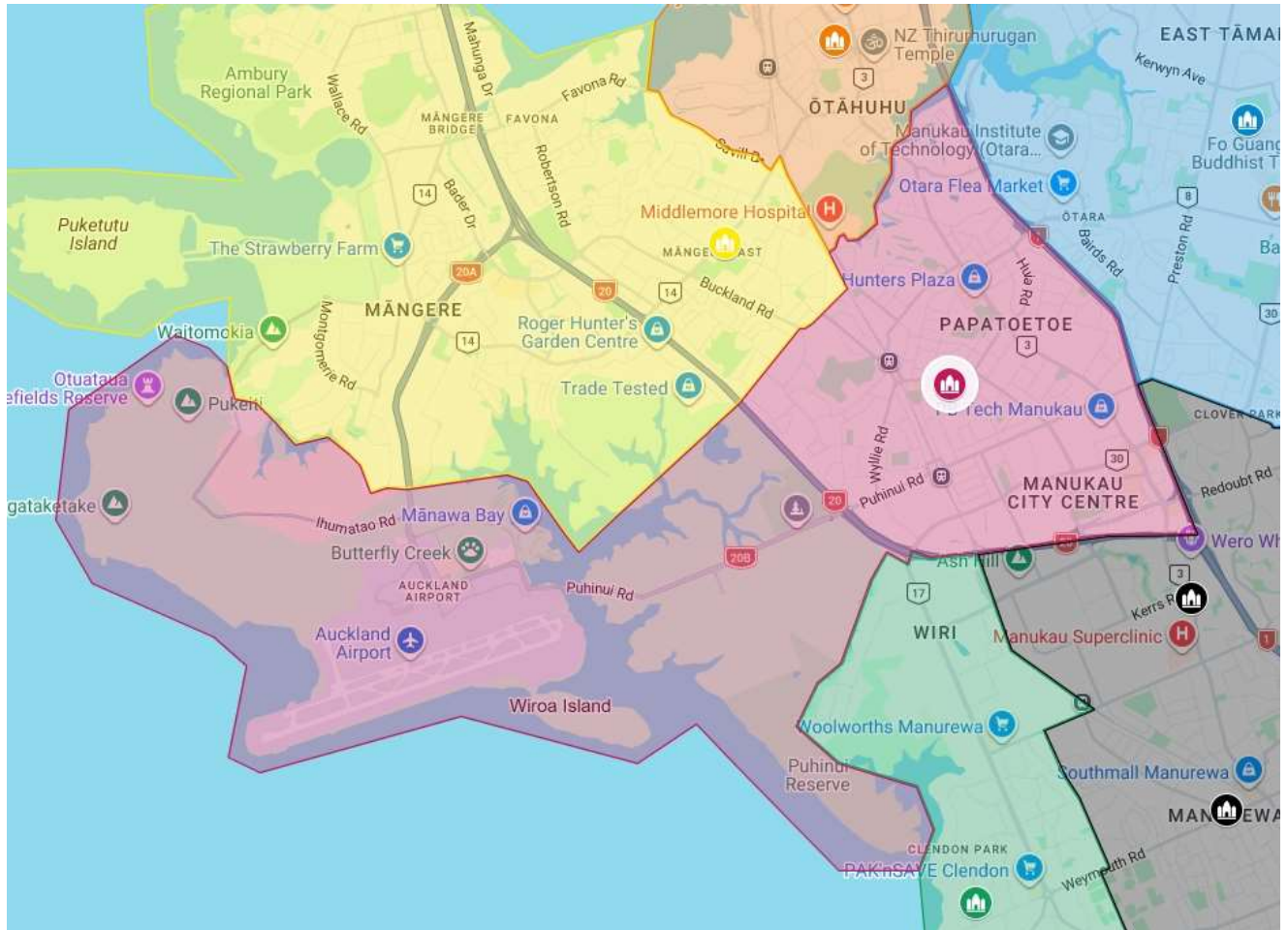
This group is for our young people 15 years and upward and is led by a member of the clergy who is also a Church member. This year they have had an outing to Rainbows End, for which Mothers Union donated funding, and they also attended E-Fest (run by the Anglican Diocese at Willow Park in Eastern Beach).

*We also enjoy other celebrations throughout the year including the World Day of Prayer, when we join together with other denominations in the area. We also share services with other churches at Christmas and Easter.*

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## Where we are

St George's Church is located at 5 Landscape Road in Papatoetoe. Our Parish includes the community of Papatoetoe, parts of Manukau City and Auckland International Airport.



Our Parish is part of the Archdeaconry of Manukau in the Southern Cluster of the Auckland Diocese. Our neighbouring Anglican churches within the Diocese of Auckland are:

- Holy Trinity, Parish of Otahuhu (to the north)
- Selwyn Church, Mission District of Mangere East (to the west)
- St David's Wiri and St Luke's Manurewa, Parish of Manurewa (to the south)
- St Elizabeth's, Parish of Clendon (to the south-west)
- St Paul's, Flat Bush (to the east)

## Our Community

Papatoetoe is a vibrant, diverse suburb of Auckland, known for its strong multicultural community and welcoming atmosphere. It blends rich cultural heritage with growing amenities, making it a lively and convenient place to live. With strong transport links, good shops and a thriving local food scene, Papatoetoe offers both character and a great family lifestyle.

Papatoetoe has:

- Excellent community services and resources
- Two main shopping areas – St George Street and Hunters Corner
- Proximity to Manukau City shopping centres
- A public library
- A theatre
- Multiple sports facilities
- Good public transport links, including:
  - Bus stops in St George Street near Landscape Road
  - Papatoetoe Railway Station within walking distance (35-minute train trip to Britomart Station)
  - Puhinui Railway Station (being upgraded as an airport transfer station)
- Auckland Airport is a 10-minute drive or bus ride away
- Central Auckland a 25-minute off peak drive away
- Middlemore Hospital is on the northern boundary of the parish
- Education facilities in the vicinity include:
  - Papatoetoe High School, Aorere College and Kings College
  - Manukau Institute of Technology (campuses in Otara and Manukau City Centre), Auckland University of Technology (Manukau campus), Auckland University (Manukau campus)
- Papatoetoe Memorial Gardens (the main South Auckland crematorium)
- Multiple Christian churches
- Worship centres for other faiths including Sikh, Hindu, Muslim
- Auckland's biggest community Santa Parade, which in 2020 attracted around 77,000 spectators and around 1,300 participants.

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## Papatoetoe Demographics 2023 and 2025

In the 2023 Census and in 2025 Statistics NZ updates, the Papatoetoe statistical area had:

- a population of **56,000** people (as at 30 June 2025)
- Births: 2,691 (2023 to 2025)
- Deaths: 532 (2023 to 2025)
- **22%** of the population (12,329 people) **is under 15** years of age (*2023 census*)
- 9% (5,850 people) are aged 65 years or older (*2023 census*)
- a median age of **32 years** (*2023 census*)
- Ethnicity:
  - European: 16.3% (9,128 people) (*2023 census*)
  - Maori: 12.5% (6,252 people) (*2023 census*)
  - Pacifica: 35.5% (19,880 people) (*2023 census*)
  - Asian: 48.1% (26,936 people) (*2023 census*)
- 53.72% of residents (30,083 people) are employed fulltime (*2023 census*)
- the median individual income is \$40,000 (*2023 census*)
- **38%** of the population (21,280) identify as **Christian** (*2023 census*)
- 6% of residents (9,190 people) have lived in New Zealand for less than 5 years (*2023 census*)
- Number of building consents for new dwellings issued 2023 to 2025 = 1,091

### Change in Papatoetoe demographic data between 2018 and 2025:

Papatoetoe has:

- a growing population and a rise in the number of dwellings, which will increase as residential intensification in Auckland continues
- a population which is getting younger
- a population which is getting more ethnically and culturally diverse, with a growth in non-Christian faiths
- a number of residents who have been in Papatoetoe for less than five years

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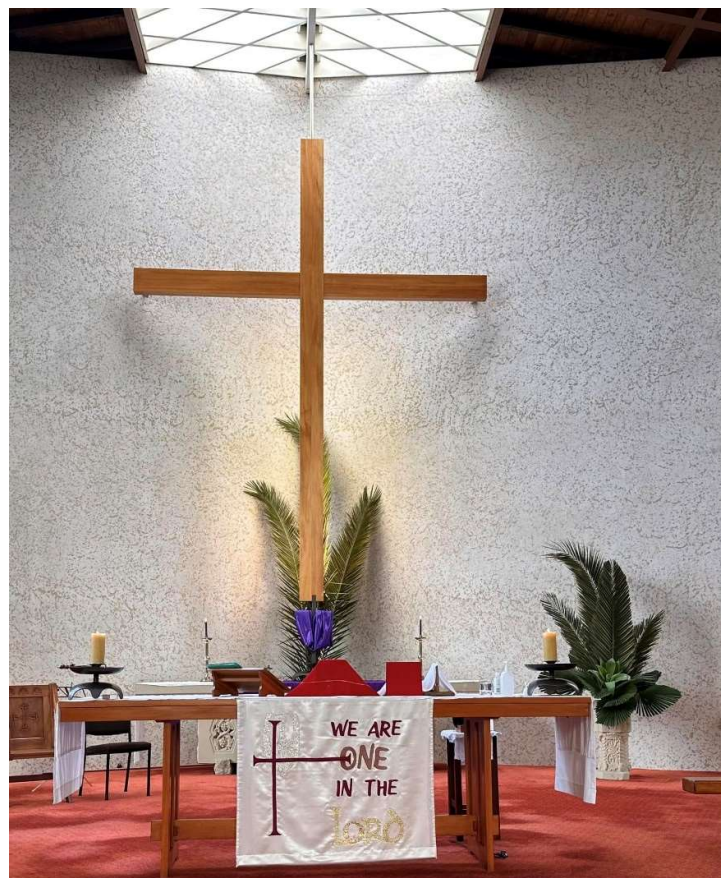
## Parish Buildings and Site

### Church

Our beautiful church building was built in 1962 and is of sturdy brick construction. The carpeted sanctuary features moveable communion rails and a wooden communion table that can be repositioned as needed. It is warmed by wall heating and equipped with a pipe organ, electric piano and drums, making it perfect for both traditional and contemporary worship. Colourful banners reflecting the church year can be displayed on eight different hangers (we have 25 banners available).

The church space comfortably seats 250 or more people using a mix of traditional pews and single chairs, and is supported by a sound system with a hearing loop (which needs updating), a data projector. It has an entrance foyer, sacristy, flower room, and toilets—including a disabled-accessible option. There is wifi in the church.

For smaller gatherings, the side chapel seats up to 20 people, ideal for prayer or intimate services. The building also includes three offices or meeting rooms, complete with a small kitchen, offering versatile spaces for both church and community activities.



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## Offices and Hall

Our site has a large hall complex, which includes:

- Our main hall (Davis Hall), with heat pumps recently installed
- A kitchen
- Three meeting rooms: “Lucy Moore Room”, “Bethel Room”, “lounge” (off kitchen)
- Toilets (including disabled toilet)
- Storage cupboards
- Several offices (which are linked by the lounge to the rest of the complex), currently set up as:
  - Reception office
  - Vicar’s office (heat pump recently installed)
  - Two other offices
  - Two counselling rooms
- Ultrafast broadband connection in offices
- Tables, chairs, a whiteboard and a wall monitor for DVD and laptop projection

## Landscaped Grounds

Our grounds include:

- Carparking for over 40 cars (both in front of and to the north of the church)
- A large grassed and treed area (a rarity in the intensifying Papatoetoe residential environment)
- Three oak trees (one of which dates back to 1924 and has Council protection)
- A Memorial Garden

## Daycare Centre

There is also a separate daycare centre on site, which is currently rented to the Pacific Island Presbyterian Church (PIPC) whose main site and church are situated in Wyllie Road, Papatoetoe. They have had to close their daycare centre due to asbestos contamination and so are for the next two years, possibly more, renting the daycare centre here at St Georges.

## Vicarage

There is a four-bedroom vicarage on the back of the site. It is currently tenanted but might be available for a vicar.

Built in the late 1970s, this single-level, brick-and-tile home sits behind the church building and offers a generous 230m<sup>2</sup> of space, along with a double internal garage for easy access. The house is surrounded by well-kept, established gardens that give it a pleasant and peaceful setting, with north-facing living areas opening out onto a sunny terrace.

Inside, the home has been thoughtfully designed to balance private family living with spaces suitable for hosting. The private wing includes three bedrooms, a family living room, kitchen, laundry, and bathroom facilities, while the more “public” side offers a formal dining room, lounge, study, and a guest bedroom with its own ensuite.

The property is tidy and has been maintained, including its most recent redecoration in 2013, but is starting to show its age and could benefit from some refreshing. Overall, it remains a solid and functional, if a little tired, vicarage.



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## Clergy, Staff and Finances

### Vicar

0.5 stipend (plus pro rata housing allowance). *Role currently vacant.*

### Non-Stipendiary Priest

Our Parish has the benefit of a non-stipendiary Priest Assistant, The Reverend Saluni Tonga, who leads the Tongan Service congregation and occasionally assists with Sunday morning services. He has full-time, non-parish employment as a chaplain at Selwyn Village.

### Parish Administrator

Since our last paid parish administrator resigned from this position in late 2020, volunteers have expanded their previous administrative duties to cover this position.

### Finances

Our Parish currently operates at a deficit. Copies of the most recent annual accounts are available on request. A summary is available on the next page.



*The daycare centre on the back of our site is currently leased to PIPC for income.*

## 2025 income and expenditure

### INCOME

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Bank Offertory          | \$ 32,540.64         |
| Count Cash              | \$ 10,113.50         |
| Envelopes Cash          | \$ 17,426.00         |
| Bequest                 | \$ 10,000.00         |
| Donation                | \$ 900.00            |
| Sunday School           | \$ 20.00             |
| Youth Group             | \$ 10.00             |
| ATWC                    | \$ 40,571.04         |
| Vicarage Rent           | \$ 22,275.00         |
| Church Hire             | \$ 800.00            |
| Hall Hire               | \$ 2,680.00          |
| Weddings                | \$ 75.00             |
| Fence Fund              | \$ 20.00             |
| Mother's Union          | \$ 20.00             |
| Missions                | \$ 30.00             |
| Waste Management Refund | \$ 13.90             |
| Selwyn Fund             | \$ 25,453.23         |
| Interest                | \$ 58.92             |
|                         | <u>\$ 163,007.23</u> |

### EXPENSE

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Stipend                  | \$ 36,288.92         |
| Housing Allowance        | \$ 19,893.84         |
| Redundancy Reserve       | \$ 194.09            |
| First Ministry Placement | \$ 2,469.34          |
| Pay Roll Costs           | \$ 145.68            |
| Vicar's Supervision      | \$ 600.00            |
| Dicesan Quota            | \$ 2,868.00          |
| Gordon Gallop            | \$ 450.00            |
| Tima Sapati              | \$ 300.00            |
| ATBS Insurance           | \$ 22,000.00         |
| Buiding WOF              | \$ 267.00            |
| Chubb Alarms             | \$ 1,231.25          |
| First Security           | \$ 94.30             |
| IQP Certificates         | \$ 339.25            |
| J.W.Fire                 | \$ 1,247.75          |
| Wormald                  | \$ 926.00            |
| ACC Levy                 | \$ 58.67             |
| Auckland City Rates      | \$ 4,268.15          |
| Dio of Auckland          | \$ 872.05            |
| Electricity Mercury      | \$ 4,467.05          |
| Kiwi Voip Internet       | \$ 1,394.11          |
| Lap Top                  | \$ 506.84            |
| Sanctuary Supplies       | \$ 415.92            |
| South Island Organ       | \$ 898.15            |
| Watercare                | \$ 1,066.06          |
| Waste Management         | \$ 375.20            |
| Church Stores            | \$ 50.96             |
| Training for Vestry      | \$ 90.01             |
| Christian Education      | \$ 96.80             |
| Manna Books              | \$ 28.88             |
| NZ Safety Blacks         | \$ 778.91            |
| Office Supplies          | \$ 343.42            |
| Printing and Stationery  | \$ 303.98            |
| Christmas Parade 2024    | \$ 256.98            |
| Sunday School Expense    | \$ 500.00            |
| Youth                    | \$ 20.01             |
| Repairs and Maintenance  | \$ 15,547.91         |
| S.J.Howe Lawns           | \$ 1,340.00          |
| Steve Webster            | \$ 926.57            |
| Vicarage Improvements    | \$ 362.25            |
| Selwyn New Heater        | \$ 279.00            |
| Food Bank Payment        | \$ 300.00            |
| Selwyn Red Cross         | \$ 147.00            |
| Selwyn PAYE              | \$ 2,791.06          |
| Wages Selwyn             | \$ 11,813.74         |
|                          | <u>\$ 139,615.10</u> |

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## St George's Parish History

The Anglican Church of Saint George the Martyr (St George's) is in the suburb of Papatoetoe in South Auckland, New Zealand. In 2006, we celebrated 100 years of service to the community of Papatoetoe. During this time there has been considerable change not just in the landscape, but in the diversity of people living, working and undertaking God's work in the district.

Māori first settled in the area during the 13<sup>th</sup> century at strategic locations on the shores of the Manukau Harbour. The area was named *Papatoitoi* (spelling later changed to Papatoetoe) meaning 'undulating area where the toe grew'.

*Some other key moments in our history:*

European settlement occurred in the mid to late 1800s.

1885: Papatoetoe was included in the Anglican Parochial District of Otahuhu

1911: A Church Hall was built in St George Street

1922: The Church Hall was moved to current Landscape Road site

1940: A central vestry formed, with the parish covering Papatoetoe, Wiri, Manurewa, Weymouth, and the Chapel at the Wyllie Road Orphan Home.

1951: Manurewa parish separated from Papatoetoe

1956: Church hall built in Seddon Street to service the Puhinui area (sold in 1968)

1960: New brick church and offices built and named the Church of St George the Martyr.

1965: A new Church of the Epiphany dedicated in Otarā

1968: Church opportunity shop started in rental premises in St George Street. Moved to Shirley Road in 1969. Proceeds were to parish and mission work. (The Op Shop closed in 2020.)

1977: Completion and blessing of current vicarage

1990: Old church building converted into parish offices and a Christian Care Centre. The Care Centre (since closed) was used for counselling, prayer ministry and community classes.

2002: Alterations were made to rear rooms in the hall to cater for the Selwyn Centre

2010: Childcare centre constructed at rear of site. Originally operated by the Anglican Trust for Women and Children.

2006: St Georges celebrated its centenary. A parish history was written to celebrate the occasion.

<https://stgap.org.nz/history-2/>

# Church Life





## Making An Application

Thank you for your interest in the position of Vicar of the Parish of Papatoetoe. We invite you to submit a formal application to the Bishop's Office, via:

**Archdeacon Peter Jenkins**

[peter.jenkins@aucklandanglican.org.nz](mailto:peter.jenkins@aucklandanglican.org.nz)

Your application should include:

- A cover letter of application from you, including how you feel your skills, experience, and strengths meet the needs of our Parish as expressed in this Parish Profile
- A copy of your Curriculum Vitae
- Two sermons. These can be in written format, or link to audio and/or visual recordings of services at which you have preached.
- The names and contact details of three referees which should include a lay person from your current place of ministry.

Applications close on Friday, 26 June 2026.

Should you be shortlisted for the role you will be invited to attend an interview. Please note that your referees will be contacted to complete a standard referee form. They may also be contacted for more information feedback as a part of the interview and discernment process.